

# GRAUSTARK

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"Spring 1902"

24 February 1964

RUSSIANS SEIZE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL, LOSE OWN

ENGLAND: A Nor-St.P; F Norwegian Sea-Norway; F Edi-North Sea; F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE: F Bel stands; A Bur-Ruh; A Par-Bur; A Bre-Pic; A Por-Spa.

GERMANY: A Hol-Bel; F Den-Swe; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S Bur; A Ber-Sil.

ITALY: A Tri-Vie; A Tyr S Vie; A Ven-Tri; F Tun-Ion; F Nap S Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Vie-Tri; A Bud S Tri; A Ser S Tri; F Grè-Bul.

RUSSIA: F Bot-Swe; A War-Sil; A Gal-Bud; A Rum S Bud; F Se-Bla.

TURKEY: A Con S Bul; F Smy-Aeg; F Ank-Bla.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish army in Bulgaria stands, having received no orders. The Austro-Hungarian army in Budapest is annihilated. The French army in Burgundy retreats in a direction to be given on p. 2.

PARIS: The Republic of France and the Kingdom of Italy do hereby issue a collective guarantee of the neutrality of the Mid-Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Lyons, Western Mediterranean and Tyrrhenian Seas. The guarantor powers feel obliged to formulate express reservations regarding the entry by fleets of any non-signatory power into the above-mentioned bodies of water.

GENEVA: The Gamesmaster reports that the Italian government has issued a declaration identical to the above French announcement. The collective guarantee means that both powers are required under the terms of the treaty to take action, but should one of them refuse to do so, the remaining signatory powers are no longer obligated. "To formulate express reservations regarding" is, according to the Italian government, equivalent to considering it an act of war.

ROME: The Italian government wishes to announce that it has granted de facto recognition to the insurgent Austrian commanders, led by Archduke Rudolf, who have announced their intention of coming to a rapprochement with the allied powers. His Royal Highness is advised to accept the rebels' terms, or he will be handed over to their authority when the Italian armies have established their regime in control of part of the Austrian Empire. Mise en demeure.

ROME: Jubilation reigns in the Italian capital and hope of victory is in everyone's eyes. The peaceloving Italian nation wishes no victory without honour, and wishes to make Europe safe for absolute monarchy. The slogan "Tippecanoe and Victor Emanuel too" is on everyone's lips. Rumour has it that His Majesty's six-year-old niece has been put in command of the Royal Italian army in Trieste, which has been ordered to carry out manoeuvres in the Austrian capital of Vienna. She is reputed to be a child prodigy, according to an official release from the palace. The Tyrolian army has been ordered to support this movement by loud and joyous cheers and happy, marching songs. This moral support is considered sufficient, considering the fine training that the Italian soldiers have received. It is to be remembered that Italian soldiers have been in top condition for a long time now, due to the Italian national sport - chasing women.

LONDON: On April 1, 1902, soldiers of the British Army entered St. Petersburg. Our valiant Saxon sons have purchased with their blood the greatest victory of the war. It is unfortunate that the Black Czar escaped the punishment he so rightly deserved. But Londoners, Scots, and our cousins beyond the Seas shall follow and drive him back to the Asian miasma from whence he sprang. Arise, enslaved folk! Join us and conquer!"

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James MacKenzie's address was incorrectly reported in GRAUSTARK #15. It is actually: Suite 219, Cody Hall, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

The Gamesmaster's telephone number is 212-HY 9-7686, in the event that moves need to be called in late.

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THE FRENCH ARMY IN BURGUNDY RETREATS TO GASCONY

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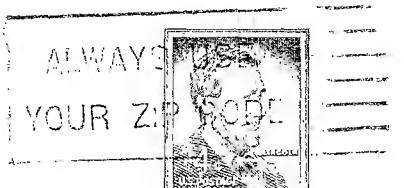
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